## Charges dismissed in BL robbery killing

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BLUE LAKE -Humboldt County Sheriff's Office investigators last week determined the suspect of last week's homicide in Blue Lake acted in self-defense. Initial murder and weapons charges were later dropped by

the District Attorney's office.



**Mark Anthony** Nelson Jr.

Mark Anthony Nelson Jr., 39, employee of the Patriot gas station on Blue Lake Boulevard, had initially been charged by HCSO with murder and illegal firearm possession in the shooting death of alleged robber Jeffrey Allen Kirwan, 53, of Santa Rosa.

According to HCSO, Kirwan had approached Nelson and a patron outside of the business. The subject brandished what appeared to be a firearm and the two fled, then he en-

tered the store and proceeded with the robbery. Kirwan was later shot when he exited the business.

Investigators interviewed witnesses and served a search warrant at the business. During the search, deputies located a stolen firearm concealed inside the business. Investigators reviewed surveillance footage of the inside of the gas station, but the business lacked functioning surveillance cameras outside the business, where the shooting occurred, complicating the investigation.

Nelson at first denied shooting the robbery suspect and provided information inconsistent with the evidence at the scene, according to HCSO. He also denied possession of the stolen firearm and had tried to conceal the firearm prior to law enforcement arrival. A bullet consistent with evidence collected at the scene was located in Nelson's pocket during a search.

Deputies determined that Nelson, a felon who is legally prohibited from possessing weapons, had been in possession of the stolen firearm and had used it to shoot the robbery suspect.

On the evening of July 5, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was contacted to file a missing person's report for 53-year-old Jeffrey Allen Kirwan of Santa Rosa, and investigators determined that the missing person may be

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## Low-cost housing need triggers ballot measure

**Daniel Mintz** MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT - With survey results showing strong support for developing more low-income housing, Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors has approved placing a housing measure on the November election ballot.

At their July 7 meeting, supervisors approved ballot measure language on allowing the county "to obtain state and federal funding to construct, develop, or acquire housing affordable for low-income families, seniors and people with disabilities within unincorporated areas, either directly or through assisting private projects."

The proposed measure is necessary to comply with Article 34 of the state constitution, which prohibits local governments from direct involvement in developing or funding housing projects unless voters approve.

Miranda Everett of the FM3 consulting firm,

which the county hired to conduct the surveying, outlined the favorable polling results.

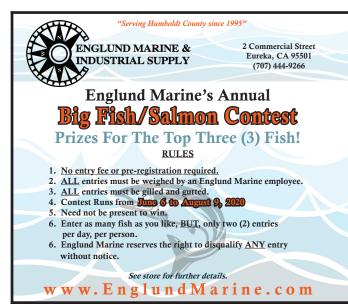
The firm polled 513 local voters from various parts of the unincorporated county area. Everett reported that 68 percent of them view the cost of housing as an extremely or very serious problem and 85 percent support having the county take a role in developing affordable housing.

The proposed measure's language drew overall 81 percent support in the polling, Everett told supervisors.

"So there are very strong indications here that folks recognize the problem, that it's pretty acute and that there is support in principle for a specific ballot measure that helps address these issues," she said.

The surveying showed that 78 percent of respondents support the highest low-income housing

**HOUSING \* PAGE 6** 











DINING OUT Area restaurants that can are reopening with use of outdoor service. Clockwise from top left, Tera Mar, spouse Kate Manley and good friends Robert Yunker and Nikki Davoodiaria enjoy Friday night dinner at Plaza Grill in the rear Jacoby's Storehouse parking lot. Sixth Street's Septentrio Winery Tasting Room offers safe, gracious summer sipping. Outside tables at the Seascape in Trinidad brought together the Hovie family from Eureka and the Snell family from San Francisco, savoring what Emma Hovie called "the best biscuits I've ever had!" Meanwhile, Richard's Goat Tavern and Tea Room offers leafy noshing along Samoa Boulevard Photos by Mait Filar | Union; Seascape photo by Janine Volkmar | Union; Septentrio photo via Septentrio Winery Tasting Room

## Four months in, COVID's calling the shots County repeats cautions as supply shortages hamper testing

**Daniel Mintz** MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT - As Humboldt

County's COVID-19 case count climbs, results of tests for the disease at the county's federally-sponsored site are taking much longer to get.

The prospect of coronavirus acceleration and new circumstances that challenge contact tracing were highlighted in an update to the Board of Supervisors at its July 7 meeting.

Public Health Officer Teresa Frankovich noted the county's escalating COVID-19 case count. At the time of the meeting, the total was 149. Two

weeks earlier, the count was 113 cases and Frankovich described the increase as "substantial."

By the end of the week, the count rose to 165 cases. Hospitalizations have been rising slowly, with 16 in total so far. But as transmission continues, risk escalates.

"It's important for people to recognize the nature of this virus and how it operates," Frankovich said. "First we see increases in cases and that gets followed by increases in hospitalizations and ICUs, and deaths are a late indicator - those follow," Frankovich said.

At the time of the meeting, the

state had put 19 counties on a "monitoring list" due to increases in cases and testing positivity rates, a designation that re-introduces restrictions on some businesses and activities.

The county's intensifying coronavirus activity hadn't drawn monitoring list status but Frankovich said that "our increase in case counts could land us there, we'll see.'

Cases nationwide and in the state are trending upward and so is testing, which has led to shortages of lab supplies. The county's Public Health Lab has enough supplies but the fed-

**COVID**❖ PAGE 6

## Seriously, mass gatherings are dangerous, prohibited

HUMBOLDT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH one in Ferndale.

HUMBOLDT - Since March 20 of this year, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and both State and Local Health Officer Orders, gatherings of individuals outside of the household unit have not been permitted.

In spite of this, numerous individuals identifying themselves as invited wedding guests have contacted the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services to voice their concerns about two ceremonies in particular scheduled for the next two weekends, one in Petrolia and

These reports were received via the Joint Information Center's Commu-

nity Information Line, with additional reports made through the COVID Compliance Line. In response to both, and under the direction of the Emergency Operations Center,

code enforcement officers reached out to family members to remind them that holding these gatherings is both illegal and dangerous.

As noted by Humboldt

County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich, "We all understand the de-

sire to celebrate occasions such as weddings with family and friends. However, just as high school seniors had to sacrifice traditional graduation ceremonies, these types of large gatherings

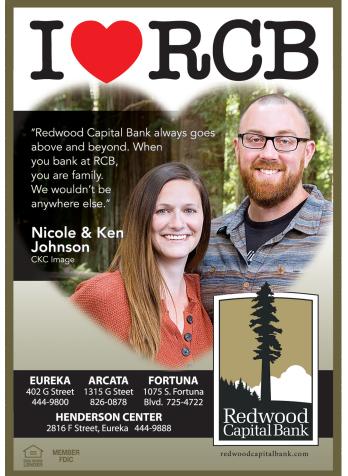
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ed but for these individuals

to then expose many more

people in our community, is enormous. There is simply no way for Public Health to conduct timely contact investigations and limit disease spread when hundreds of people are ex-

posed at one time." Law enforcement action will be taken if these events proceed. Frankovich added, "I am hopeful that civic-minded residents of Humboldt will reconsider offering and attending such events until it is possible to hold them without violating the law and endangering the safety of the guests and the residents of Humboldt County."





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6. Time for Filing Rejection Damage Claims; Further Amendments to the Schedules of Assumed and Rejected Contracts.
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ii. the rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease added to the Schedule of Rejected Contracts shall be deemed approved by the Bankruptcy Courl as of July 1, 2020 if an objection to the addition of such executory contract or unex-pired lease to the Schedule of Rejected Contracts is not timely filed as provided

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before and during the meeting by sending comments pc@cityofarcata.org. Agenda items include the Consent Calendar; extension of

temporary restrictions on evictions due to COVID-19; a continuation of the local emergency due to the Coronavirus Pandemic; award of a bid for 2020 timber harvest to Diamond R Ranch in the amount of \$195 per thousand board feet (MBF) for logging, \$40 per MBF for trucking to Arcata, \$46 per MBF for Trucking to Samoa, and \$152 per MBF for trucking to Willits; approve the proposed wastewater rate fees for fiscal years 2020-2025; public hearing on funding under the State Community Development Block Grant Program; Arcata Police Department update on police reforms, with discussion of Campaign Zero and police reform after the killing of George Floyd;

discuss the roles and practices of serving on boards of Joint Power Authorities and regional agencies/ committees; oral communications and scheduling of upcoming meetings.

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In addition to the regular monthly financial reports, the board will discuss potential funding for resolution of disinfection by product issues. The Manager's Report will include Water Loss, Project Updates, 2020-2021 Annual budget, Technical assistance grant, Planning grant and CDP for drilling wells at Fourth Avenue site.

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JUSTICE FOR JOSIAH A vigil to honor the memory of Humboldt State University student David Josiah Lawson will be held on the Arcata Plaza tonight, Wednesday, July 15 at 7 p.m. Attendees are asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing.

**HUFFMAN'S CLIMATE MEETING** On Thursday, July 16 at 4 p.m., Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) will host a virtual town hall on the newly released Climate Crisis Action Plan, a comprehensive Congressional framework to protect the health of all families, make sure our communities can withstand the impacts of climate change, and grow our economy and put Americans back to work. Huffman will be joined by former State Senator Fran Pavley, author of California's landmark climate law AB32, and President and CEO of Natural Resources Defense Council Gina Mc-Carthy. Viewers can submit questions in advance to huffmanQandA@mail. house.gov or ask them live via Facebook live.

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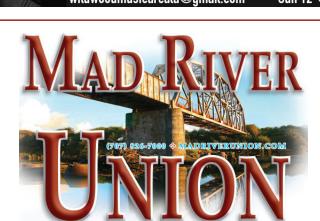
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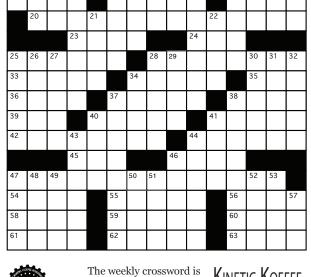
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In some cases, Recology's teams may treat bulky items left curbside and come back to retrieve them as it takes a few minutes for the disinfectant to take effect.

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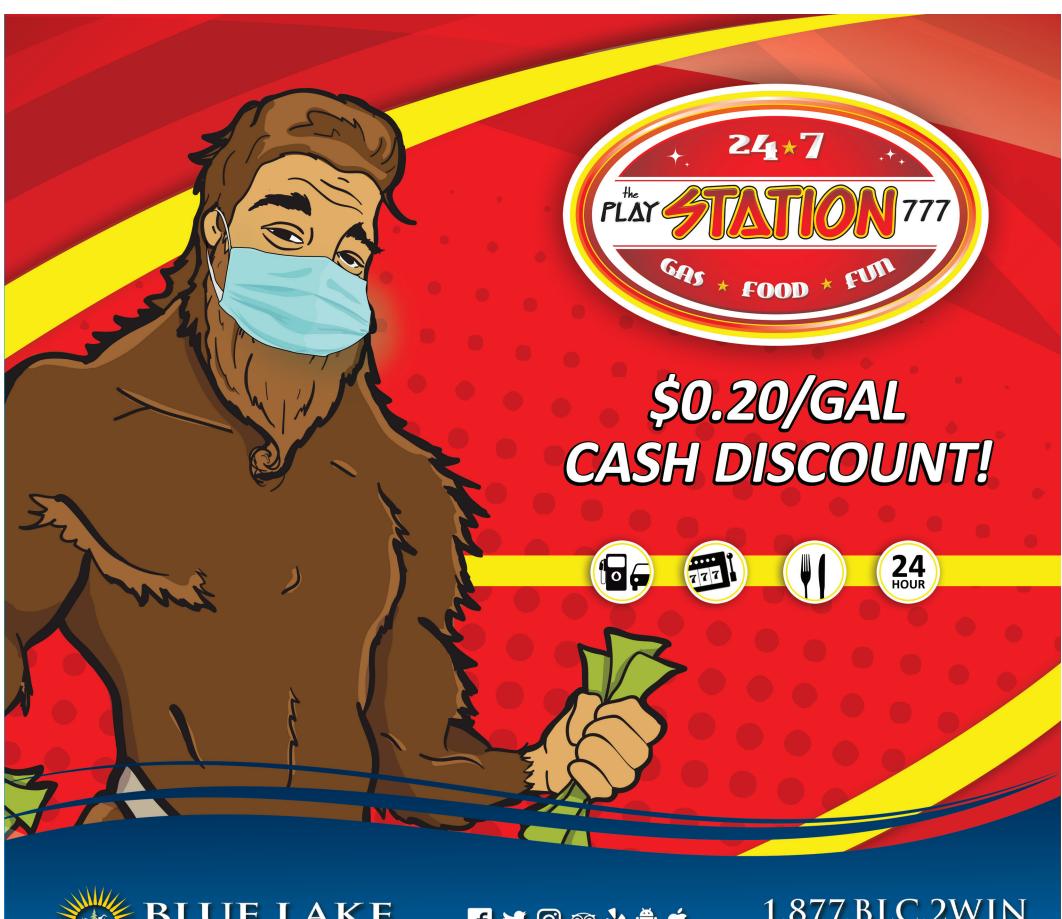
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## **Enforcement targets repeat cannabis violators**

**Daniel Mintz** 

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HUMBOLDT - The county's Board of Supervisors has approved code enforcement changes, including one that cuts the time between issuing notices of violations and activating fines on them.

Amendments to the county's codes were unanimously approved at the July 7 board meeting. In addition to changes that strive for increases clarity, they include two that are relevant to cannabis cultivation.

The most controversial change aligns with state law that allows fines and penalties to be effected at the time a Notice of Violation is issued rather than holding off for 10 days.

An ordinance that outlines the changes states that the immediate imposition of fines applies to "repeat, subsequent or ongoing cannabis violations."

Those include code violations that "exist as a result of or to facilitate illegal cultivation of cannabis."

The 10-day window will be allowed if the cannabis cultivation is being done by a tenant of a property whose owner has prohibited it and has no knowledge of it.

During a public comment session, Southern Humboldt resident Bonnie Blackberry said there have been "numerous people who have been falsely

accused and sent abatement notices in the past."

A woman named Shakti asked that "in these times of deep reflection on our systemic injustices in our criminal justice institutions, we acknowledge the injustices in code enforcement today and cannabis policies in our own community."

She also asked supervisors to "consider the needs of local victims of the drug war, which include small farmers disenfranchised by county policies around legalization."

There were also objections to the second canna-

bis-related amendment, which defines illegal structures and other "significant and substantial" violations directly related to cannabis operations as the highest level of violation.

Blackberry said it seems like the definition is being "done solely for the purpose of being able to fine people \$6,000 to \$10,000 a day,"

On the timing of fines, Planning Director John Ford said "an important component of the code enforcement effort" is maintaining the 10-day window for first time, smaller-scale cultivators whose violations don't involve environmental damage.

"A high percentage of violations are resolved without any fines or penalties," he continued. "We are not proposing to start the violations on day one unless it is a second or subse-

quent violation." Large-scale cultivators who "stop and then start again" are "really the ones that we're trying to target," Ford

said. He added that the county has "an internal policy of attempting to not issue notices of violation to small cultivation sites."

> Egregiously impactful grows are not being seen as often as they once were, Ford continued, but "there is still a significant amount of unpermitted cultivation going on out there."

Supervisor Mike Wilson noted the "environmental damages that have been avoided so far" under the county's regulatory system and the "deterrence overall, in terms of what was happening under an unregulated system.'

He added, "There's just a balance here and it's not an easy one."

Board Chair Estelle Fennell said that at this week's board meeting, on July 14, there will be a report on the county's code enforcement activities and clarification of personal use rules will be discussed soon.

Also due for discussion in the near future is the development of a permit for small-scale cultivation of 2,000 square feet or less.

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## **Nelson** | Murder, weapons charges dropped

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the unidentified decedent from the robbery and homicide in Blue Lake.

The decedent was later confirmed as Kirwan through fingerprints.

Nelson later admitted to

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shooting the robbery suspect and asserted that the shooting was in self-defense. This statement was consistent with the investigation and evidence located at the scene, and investiga-

tors determined Nelson to

investigation into that case is ongoing. Humboldt County District Attorney (DA) Maggie Fleming later issued a statement saying her office has declined to prosecute Nelson for killing the al-**OPEN FOR TRASH & GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL.** leged robber. **CRV RECYCING BUYBACK CENTER** 

"The employee has stated he acted in self-defense," Fleming said. "No witness statements or other evidence contradict that assertion. The employee also stated he possessed a gun in response to a recent prior

robbery at his workplace." In reaching her decision before the person arrested had to be either charged or released - within two court days of their arrest - the DA said she benefited from "a complete and efficient investigation by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office."



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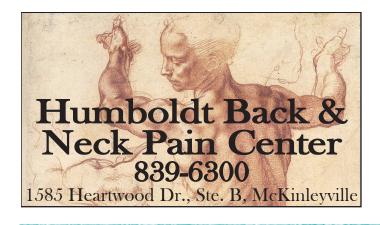




TIMBER TALK Arcata's citizen-led Forest Management Committee and concerned citizens last week toured areas of the Arcata Community Forest that were sustainably harvested in 2019. This year's harvest plans are on the City Council's agenda (see PHOTOS BY MOONLIGHT MACLIMBER I UNION



**MOTORCYCLE CRASH** A motorcyclist and his passenger received major injuries when the driver lost control of a 2003 Harley-Davidson on State Route 36 on Tuesday night, July 7. Harry Smith, 39, of Rio Dell and his passenger, Lisa Jennings, 40, of McKinleyville were east of Graybrook Lane in Hydesville at about 10:35 p.m. when Smith lost control. The victims were taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka for treatment of their injuries. According to the California Highway Patrol, Smith was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, but released for medical treatment.



## Sociable Dolly likes laps and belly rubs

ter in place and we have some great news! The Sheriff's Department is allowing a small amount of volunteers to return to

the shelter. The dogs

and cats will be thrilled to see some new faces, even if they are wearing masks! This will allow for shy animals

to get exposed to some new people and rambunctious ones to learn that there are rules (like walking nice on the leash) that other people expect them to follow.

My friend Ashley and I have been holding down the fort for four months now and are so happy to have reinforcements coming!

One of our adoptable dogs that will be thrilled to

eek 17 of shel- Dolly. Dolly is a 1-year-old female who appears to be a

> Dolly was picked up near Benbow with two other dogs. They were snacking

trol assumed they all knew each other previously.

It turned out that the two boys may have joined in because Dol-

(just another reason to get your dogs spayed and neutered!), but other than that they didn't have an affiliation.

The little male had a home that he went back to and the big fellow was adopted last week from the shelter. We are now getting to know Dolly and what a sweetie she is!

Dolly loves people and she loves attention. She

Labrador mix. on some road kill and Animal Con-

> ly was in heat though her size may preclude that, depending on

> > pound lap dogs.

She is content to lean in for pets and will flop over to have her belly rubbed. She doesn't seem to care much about toys and balls but is quite friendly with

how you feel about 60

other dogs.

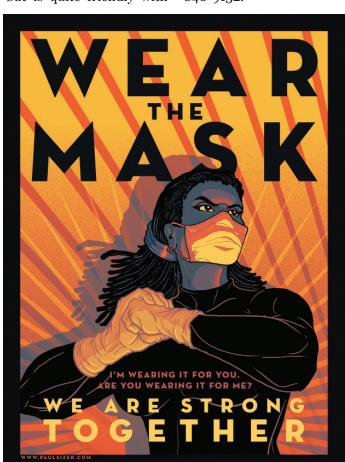
Our initial cat test indicated that she may be cat-friendly as well. Dolly knows Sit and will work for food, making her a good candidate for more doggie education.

Dolly is still a youngster but we believe that she will develop into a wonderful, obedient companion with a little guidance from a loving adopter.

Dolly is spayed, micro-chipped and current on her vaccinations. She is available through the **Humboldt County Animal** Shelter.

The shelter is still open by appointment only, Monday through Friday. To set up an appointment to meet Dolly, please call (707) 840-9132.







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## Taxpayers League's unsound financial advice will cost you dearly

axpayer leagues are supposed to look out for our pocketbooks and demand fiscal responsibility, but that's not the case in Humboldt County.

If the Humboldt County Taxpayers League gets its way and defeats a proposed Arcata Fire District tax measure in November, the residents of McKinleyville, Arcata, Bayside, Jacoby Creek and Manila will continue to have an understaffed fire department, putting lives and billions of dollars of assets at risk.

It's likely that our fire insurance rating will be downgraded, meaning our insurance rates will go up. The savings from shooting down the tax will be dwarfed by the increase in insurance premiums.

We'll ultimately pay more, and get less. How is that fiscally responsible?

In a letter submitted to the Union, Humboldt Taxpayers League President Uri Driscoll tries to raise doubts about the Arcata Fire District with vague suspicions.

Why, he wonders, did the district not close the Mad River Station? He seems to insinuate that

there was something fishy about the decision. That's nonsense.

The Arcata Fire District Board of Directors met publicly and discussed its options. The most equitable option was to close stations on a rotating basis. All communities are receiving equal treatment.

Driscoll then laments that the district didn't build a station on Sunset Avenue, a project that was ditched years ago.

But Driscoll fails to mention that the project was rejected for a good reason – cost estimates for building at the site were \$8 million to \$14 million - well beyond anything that could be raised by the non-profit Arcata Volunteer Firefighters' Association, an entity that is separate from the AFD.

Driscoll also suggests other options, such as making changes to

> AFD's dispatch service or teaming up with CalFire or Humboldt Bay Fire, could help solve the district's financial crisis.

> Efforts are already underway to bring down the costs of dispatch services. As for working with Humboldt Bay Fire or CalFire, consider this: both of those agencies re-

quire three firefighters on an engine, no less.

Arcata Fire is limping along with two firefighters on an engine. It's unlikely that those agencies would compromise safety and lower their standards.

While there may be some merits to teaming up with other agencies, there's on inescapable truth under all scenarios - money is needed to pay firefighters. There's no way around it.

And while there may be some efficiencies with teaming up with CalFire or Humboldt Bay, keep in mind that their firefighters get paid more than AFD firefighters. Those options would likely cost more, not less.

Driscoll writes "Arcata Fire admits and has shown it can operate effectively with two stations."

Arcata Fire is operating with the resources it has. As a result, there are station closures, which means response times can be delayed.

It's a crapshoot, of course. It depends where the call is and what station is closed.

The taxpayer league wants the AFD to close its Mad River Station and sell it.

So what does that mean for, say, the elderly residents of the Lazy J Mobile Home Park?

According to AFD, the average response time from the Mad River Station to the Lazy J is two min-

utes and 15 seconds.

When the Mad River Station is closed, the firefighters respond from the Downtown Arcata Station, with the average response time being 10 minutes and 30 seconds.

That's a best-case scenario and assumes the engine is not out on another call. The delay could be much longer, perhaps 15 minutes or more.

When someone is having a heart attack or their home is on fire, imagine the difference that 8 minutes and 15 seconds can make. Or 15 minutes.

If you want to save money, save property and save lives, support the AFD tax measure on Nov. 3.

If you want to pay higher insurance premiums and have reduced response times when you have a medical emergency or fire at your home or business, then follow the fiscally unsound advice of the Humboldt Taxpayers

## As Humboldt State becomes \$20 million smaller, it still plans for future

The following message was sent to the Humboldt State University community last week:

#### Update on HSU's 2020-21 Budget Plan **Dear Campus Community:**

I first want to acknowledge the emotional toll the pandemic and our ongoing financial challenges continue to take on all of us. It is at times overwhelming and exhausting, yet simultaneously inspiring to see the campus continue to come together in support of our students and each other. The University is making progress on stabilizing its financial position and is actively working with entities across campus to ensure we have the resources to deliver a quality educational experience for our students in the face of immense uncertainty and changing circumstances.

While we are still working through the finishing touches on the 2020-21 Budget Plan, I wanted to share initial details on the plan and intend to provide more comprehensive information by early August.

❖ RAMBLING

From a high-level budget planning standpoint, we are still working toward eliminating our projected \$20 million bud-

get shortfall over the next two years. New enrollment and state budget information continue to affirm this as a solid planning target during these unprecedented times.

At the state level, Governor Newsom and the State Legislature recently reached agreement on the 2020-21 State

of California budget, with many details still forthcoming. Our understanding is that the CSU will incur a reduction of approximately \$300 million (~7.5 percent), a slight improvement from the 10 percent reduction included in the Governor's May Budget Revision. If the state receives additional federal stimulus funding (we should have additional information in the September/October timeframe), we may receive one-time relief in the upcoming year. Next week, we anticipate receiving notification about HSU's 2020-21 state appropriation,

> which is one of the final pieces needed to solidify the 2020-21 budget.

At the campus level, we are making significant progress to address the anticipated \$20 million budget shortfall by 2021-22. Approximately \$7.5 million in spending has been reduced through a combina-

tion of strategies identified in the Fiscal Stability Plan. HSU's Early Exit Program – which is currently accepting applications until July 13, 2020 – will also help stabilize the budget.

Even as we continue to work through this challenging reduction process, we are investing significant one-time resources to

mitigate the impacts of the pandemic and support the educational experience of our students. HSU has received \$5.9 million in federal funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) and Minority Serving Institution Program (MSI) to help cover some of the costs related to the impact of COVID-19. We are close to firming up this spending plan and a separate communication will be shared with these details in the coming days. In addition, more than \$800,000 in one-time GI 2025 funding will be invested in a variety of efforts to help eliminate opportunity and achievement gaps and increase graduation rates for our students.

I sincerely thank you for your continued dedication to HSU and for your commitment to helping this institution successfully navigate these stressful, challenging times.

Sincerely, **Amber Blakeslee University Budget Director** 

## **ERFSA** awards junior faculty

HUMBOLDT STATE - The Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (ERFSA) of Humboldt State University is pleased to announce its selection of faculty who applied for cash awards to support the professional development of junior faculty who have demonstrated outstanding promise.

These awards, which are intended to supplement other assistance, are open to lecturers and tenure track faculty. The Coordinating Committee of the ERFSA reviewed a number of applications and selected the following individuals for the

The title of each project is listed below the faculty member's name and department.

- 1. Kaitlin Reed, assistant professor of Native American Studies: From Gold Rush to Green Rush Book Project
- 2. Jose Marin Jarrin, assistant professor of Fisheries Biology: Verification of species identification of Galapagos octopus using genetic techniques
- 3. Jorge Monteiro, assistant professor, Chemistry: Hybrid Systems to Produce Persistent Luminescence and Generate Singlet Oxygen in the Dark
- 4. Catalina Cuellar-Gempeler, assistant professor of Biological Sciences: Tracking microbial nitrogen metabolism in microbiology research and education
- 5. Cydny Phillips, lecturer, English: Humboldt County Plein Air Book Creation
- 6. Buddhika Madurapperma, lecturer of Forestry and Wildland Resources and Environmental Science and Management: Capacity building in unmanned aerial vehicle technology outreach and to solve environmental research questions

Congratulations to these excellent scholars and to HSU for selecting such excellent faculty to work with its students.

## **COVID** | Infection risk comes from many sources

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erally-supported Optumserve ing the same issue" with sup- business sectors. ply shortages.

While test specimens are collected at the site, the samples are sent to national labs and "when those labs experience shortages in supplies, it delays us," Frankovich said.

Also contributing to the delays is the expanding volume of testing, she continued.

While the turnaround for test results at the Optumserve site was once two to three says, it's now six to eight days, said Frankovich.

That's "problematic" because timing is important to contact tracing and preventing spread. Frankovich said increasing the county lab's capacity and searching for other testing resources are being pursued.

Contact tracing can be difficult when cases are related to cannabis farming, she said, saying that the county has seen some cases linked to the "agricultural cannabis sector"

But it's been "challenging"

to identify specific farms for outreach and investigation, site at the Redwood Acres she continued, which she said Fairgrounds in Eureka is "fac- hasn't been the case for other

> Asked by Board Chair Estelle Fennell whether the farms in question are non-permitted, Frankovich said the county "hasn't been able to get that information," which "raises that concern."

Also during the update, Frankovich discouraged travel in and out of the county. "The moral of the story right now is, as much as we want to it is really not the time to be traveling to visit friends or family that we miss or invite them to come here and do so," she said. "And we certainly cannot be socializing with other households and certainly not indoors, not distanced and not masked."

Sheriff Billy Honsal said there were complaints about businesses failing to restrict numbers of customers and carry out safety measures during the July 4 weekend.

He said the county is working on a plan to address out of compliance businesses, beginning with education and warnings and progressing to citations.

In a July 9 video, Honsal warned of another potential travel-related impact – state prisons have seen coronavirus outbreaks and "their answer to that is releasing people from prison," he said.

Describing that as "a problem," Honsal said the county has been notified that about a dozen inmates that have 30 days left on their sentences and 20 inmates with 180 days left on sentences will be released to Humboldt County.

There are efforts to find them temporary housing but "that should be for our residents and our homeless and now the state is pushing off an issue on us," he continued.

"That's troubling – and we have our own county jail to worry about as well," he said.

On July 10, the Sheriff's Office announced that a corrections officer at the jail tested positive for COVID-19 during a "routine medical screening" and is in isolation.

## Avoid disposables for Plastic Free July

ARCATA - The City of Arcata encourages community members to participate in the worldwide initiative known as Plastic Free July.

When plastics and their byproducts pollute cities, oceans and waterways, it causes health problems for us all.

Most plastic waste in the United States is landfilled, down-cycled, incinerated or exported to other countries, and while recycling plastic helps, it is not a solution for plastic pollution.

The best way to decrease plastic pollution is to avoid the use of disposable plastic as often as possible, and Plastic Free July encourages households to use less plastic, adopt long-term environmentally friendly habits and make the world a cleaner place.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a dramatic increase in the use of plastic, making it even more important to be mindful about how much plastic we consume, and the Environmental Services Department has some tips for community members on how to reduce the use of disposable plastics.

- · Wear a reusable face covering whenever possible.
- · Limit the use of plastic gloves. If you must wear gloves, try to source compostable options whenever possible.
- Use a reusable water bottle instead of buying single-use plastic water bottles.
- · Avoid single-use plastic packaging by buying in bulk.
- · If reusable bags are currently not allowed in your grocery store, you can wash plastic bags provided and reuse them.
- dering takeout remember to request your drink without a straw, and bring your own reusable alternative.

· Ditch the plastic straws. When or-

- Say no to plastic wrap. There are many excellent substitutes such as cloth or beeswax paper.
- Encourage family and friends to take part in the Plastic Free July challenge.

For more information about Plastic Free July, visit *plasticfreejuly.org*, and for information on the City of Arcata's zero waste initiatives visit cityofarcata. org/275/Zero-Waste or contact Environmental Services at (707) 822-8184.

## **Housing** | Site should minimize environmental impacts

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goal of 1,700 units, which would account for five percent of the county's total number of

A more conservative number, 870 units, gained a similar level of survey support, at 81 percent of respondents.

Supervisor Rex Bohn noted that "in the unincorporated areas, nothing gets built very easily" and he asked Planning Director John Ford, "Are we still gonna have to suffer all the people saying it'll kill the Earth if we do this?"

Describing the question as one that "always gets raised if any kind of development gets attempted," Ford said the board "should have some confidence" in having the ability to choose appropriate locations for projects. "The county can be particular about trying

concerns," he continued. The measure drew support during a public comment session. Kent Sawatzky of the Humboldt Taxpayers League said the mea-

to choose projects that minimize those kinds of

sure is worthy of support and won't affect lo-

Colin Fiske of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities said his group also supports it and he encouraged choosing locations that are in or near population centers and accessible to services.

Asked about the type of housing the county will sponsor, Ford said units classified as being for low or very low income residents are most

The state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment sets planning goals for development of housing and the county's development of low and very low-income units is "way below what our regional share is,"

"So that's really what we want to target," he continued.

Approval for putting the measure on the ballot with the 1,700-unit housing level was unanimous. A resolution formalizing the action will come to supervisors at their July 28 meeting.

Sign your letter to the Mad River Union with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to opinion@madriverunion.com.

## Apparently the art of conversation hasn't fully expired after all

#### Friends of Arcata Fire

As most residents and business owners in Arcata, McKinleyville, Manila, and their surrounding areas know, the Arcata Fire District funding Measure R failed in the March 3 elections. As you also may have seen, as a result of insufficient funding, the Fire District has been closing one of their three fire stations on a rotational basis.

As was discussed in the June meeting of the Arcata Fire District Board; for the District to best cover the five communities and their 62 square mile service area, three stations are necessary. So, the board voted to place a measure on the November ballot to obtain funding to staff and maintain three fire stations.

Various community groups and individuals in the district have stated that the overall communication of the need for additional funding was limited. There was the feeling that a more community-based effort should have been used to ensure our taxpayers understood the existing funding limitations. So, to address this directly we have started a group called "Friends of Arcata Fire."

This group presently consists of interested community members, various organizations, members of the Arcata Volunteer Firefighters' Association, and the professional firefighters of Local 4981. In the next few weeks, we will be putting together letters to the editor, supportive signage and various communications to outline the need for three staffed stations in the Arcata Fire District. We will also be asking for donations to help in this effort.

If you are interested in helping in anyway please email friendsofarcatafire@ gmail.com. We can be followed on Facebook: facebook.com/friendsofarcatafire, and on Instagram: instagram.com/arcatafiredistrict.

**Roy Willis** Friends of Arcata Fire Bayside

#### Measure R regurgitated

As a citizen and a property owner I appreciate the community value that our first responders provide. They should be paid ible with the local needs and economic re-

It is hard to understand that during the Covid pandemic Measure R is going to make a comeback, apparently in the same form as previously presented. When we were told that a station would close if it were to fail, we took Arcata Fire at their word and presumed it would be the least used station at Mad River. Instead of closing however, they began a Russian Roulette game by rotating closures of the three fire stations. They were not in any way forced to play this game as Mr. Campbell suggests.

Mr. Campbells recent series of full page monologues spell out some important things which we were previously unaware. The ownership status of the stations and some of the history involved mainly. I realize we can't look back, but it really is a shame that the Sunset Ave station was not built. The numbers if I read them right would have evened out especially if one of the other stations were sold.

We had been in recent talks with Chief McDonald to try to come up with a more palatable ballot measure in these tough times. Things like graduating into a dispatch program with Humboldt Bay Fire or possibly Cal Fire and closing and/or selling the Mad River Station. Both were shot down before much discussion by the Fire District Board.

The California Highway Patrol was looking for a new location and had their sights set on a location across from the Mad River Fire Station. They may have made an ideal buyer and the Fire District would have been able to put that money aside.

We feel it is very unfortunate the Arcata Fire District Board is choosing to regurgitate a failed measure. Times are much different than they were the first time around. The economy is in real trouble and people are feeling very financially pinched. There are other significant expenses coming down the pike for Arcata residents. The already high water and sewer rates are going up another 50 percent. An additional tax for a vague open space measure is on the ballot. And we are already paying a fire tax.

For comparison Eureka has voted to reduce Humboldt Bay Fire's compensation

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by 14 percent at the same time Arcata Fire wants to raise their compensation by 50 percent by putting a recycled tax measure on the ballot.

The fact that it is all combined with Arcata's recommitment to affordable housing seems a bit schizophrenic. The simple truth is that adding more and more taxes makes affordable housing less and less affordable.

Arcata Fire admits and has shown it can operate effectively with two stations. They should probably close and possibly sell the Mad River Station. Working towards teaming up with Humboldt Bay Fire to provide more efficient and cost effective service would be a more palatable solution while we are all needing to tighten our belts.

**Uri Driscoll** President, Humboldt Taxpayers League

Arcata

#### Bad time for higher fees

I have been following the articles by the fire department pushing for the passage of Measure R. I notice on my property tax bill that there are two current assessments for the fire department, one for \$20 passed in 1997 and the other one for \$88 passed in 2006. It is my understanding that measure R will be an assessment for \$118.

My question is, does this new measure take the place of one of the older assessments or is it in addition to these other two? Do they ever expire? If not, then the total assessments for the fire department would be \$226 per year. That seems like a pretty large amount considering how many parcels are under the jurisdiction of the Arcata Fire Department.

I fully support having a full-time fire protection service, but there comes a time when we have to rethink calling on the property owners to bail them out. The water, sewer, sanitation fees are all being raised and unfortunately at a time when there are so many people struggling to keep their homes. The COVID-19 has created an uncertain job market, loss of revenues and being able to pay rent. Prices are on the rise for everyday living expenses.

It just seems like the wrong time to ask for people on a fixed income to have their property taxes increased for yet another as-

> Loretta Wilson McKinleyville

## Support, demystify fire funding

The recent vegetation fire on Fickle Hill reminded me that we are coming into the wildland's fire season, and that we are more vulnerable because of the current drought. A functioning and able local fire department is now more than ever, vital to all of us.

The recent failure of the Arcata Fire District's ballot measure to increase funding, forced the cash-strapped district to take drastic measures to stay within their income. To do so, they had to close one of three stations on a weekly rotating basis. This measure decreases the district's ability to react to fires, and increases the danger to those of us living within the district.

It is my understanding that the department can only afford to have four firefighters on duty at any one time. Each fire truck is required to have a minimum of two personnel, hence, the need to close one station, as it would require six firefighters to staff all three stations.

I live on Fickle Hill and am located two steep miles uphill from the Arcata main station. I am confident that an engine from there could get here in about 10 minutes. If that station happened to be closed that week, and the response was from the Mad River station, I think it would take at least an additional five minutes. I understand that OSHA requires that there be a minimum of four firefighters on scene before any of them may enter a structure to fight the fire or to search for inhabitants.

That means that the second engine would come from McKinleyville. That could delay any entry into a structure even more. Fires can grow very rapidly, and that delay could affect the outcome of an event such as a structure fire.

I understand that the Arcata Fire District Board of Directors is placing their funding measure in the upcoming election. The measure requires a two-thirds majority to pass (it came close to passing in March). I urge my neighbors in the district to consider the importance of a fully staffed and funded fire department, to study the proposal, and be supportive of our district and those important firefighters. I ask that the department's board of directors avail themselves to address any of the issues that were of concern for those who did not support the earlier initiative.

> **Thomas Bethune** Arcata

#### Baseless charges

After reading Garth Sundberg's letter in the Mad River Union charging Steve Madrone and others with racism, I felt I must respond, regardless of the trepidation I feel in doing so.

The guilt that many of us white people feel after centuries of mistreatment of people of color, and in this case, specifically Native people, it is difficult, to say the least, to comment.

However, Mr. Sundberg charged that in his supervisorial campaign to "unseat" Ryan, Steve had "...persisted in falsehoods, taken credit for projects that he did not accomplish and made it his mission to discredit Trinidad Rancheria."

He continued, "We call this out as racism and a personal vendetta." Although we are all entitled to our opinions, that is a very strong charge against Steve Madrone. As an informed voter in the Fifth District, I am unaware of the basis for any of these charges.

So, I cannot in good conscience, allow Mr. Sundberg to use the R word without question. Water in Trinidad is a real issue and people's concern for the environment does not make them racist.

It is certainly understandable that Mr. Sundberg is concerned for the economic security of the Rancheria, but to make such charges, I think, is unfair.

If we are to make our community better we need to have civil dialog and respect for one another.

**Barbara Brimlow** McKinleyville

#### Citizen power paid off

Gratitude to Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone, citizen Walter Paniak, McKinleyville High School Principal Nic Collart, local retired attorney Bryce Kenny, and the many McKinleyville residents who showed up June 9 and challenged the Department of Alcohol Beverages Control issuance of a liquor sales license for the Dollar General store located across the street from McKinleyville High School.

I appreciate the effort all of you made to assure the health and safety of our community. What a positive contribution a group of thoughtful, caring citizens can make for the rest of us. Thank you.

> **Kate McClain** McKinleyville

#### Plaza persecution

I wanted to inform everyone about how I was attacked at the Arcata Plaza on Sunday the 6th at 6 p.m. An individual was having a mental health crisis at the corner of G st and Ninth streets across from the Hotel Arcata. He was screaming for help. I saw that police officers were standing near him, and that about 50 to 100 people were watching from throughout the Plaza. A fire engine arrived and an ambulance was approaching. The screaming individual was slowly being escorted by two friends to the bus station at Ninth st and E streets.

While he continued to scream for help and for someone to call 911, he was left alone, lying on the sidewalk At the bus station. I took a 20 second video. This location also contains the 4 month old emergency campground. The man in crisis resides there and I have previously seen him being shot with a slingshot by another resident of the tent village.

When I walked away, a man followed me and repeatedly demanded that I erase any pictures. I repeatedly asked him to stop following me. When I reached the Plaza again, at the front door of Hot Knots, this pursuer shouted for "warriors" to confront me from their resting places across G Street.

While I described my predicament to 911 dispatch, the five men surrounded me, called me homosexual slurs, the name of a female dog, and threatened to beat me. One man dressed in a spiked leather vest and a motorcycle helmet repeatedly rammed into me with his spiked shoulders as I ran away south down the center of G Street. He tried

to swat my phone out of my hand as I tried to video his attack. He chased me around occupied vehicles in front of Brio. He ended his attack when police arrived.

I was told by the police officer that it sounded like a mutual fight, that if I had no broken bones, it was not a serious crime, and that my attacker was not going to jail because of Covid. He was not cited.

I am afraid to go to the Plaza as my assailants spend their days on the grass and likely utilizing the services provided at the bus station by Arcata House charity.

**Darryl Pauline** 

#### Flouty louts' residue removed

There were large signs at both Clam Beach parking lots on July 4 stating NO FIREWORKS ON THE BEACH. Bad enough that many flouted this law, but worse that they left their detritus for others to clean up.

Thanks to the many volunteers who showed up on the morning of July 5 with trash bags in hand to clean up our beach.

Edward "Buzz" Webb McKinleyville

#### Live and let die

You would think President Trump has no plan to win the war against COVID-19.

New daily cases are now approaching 70,000, with daily deaths trending higher

In many places, hospital Intensive Care Units (ICUs) are at full capacity with COVID-19 patients making it more difficult to give them the proper care they need.

An appropriate presidential response would be cautionary words and a plan to decrease the current spread. But instead, Trump minimizes caution, saying that 99% of COVID-19 cases are totally harmless. Apparently he equates "harmless" with "non-fatal" discounting the fact that ICU patients can suffer for days or weeks, and often long thereafter.

And for a plan, it appears the administration's approach is to convince Americans to learn to just "live with it." Trump's edict that "schools must open in the fall" reinforces this.

I think Trump's strategy of "learning to live with it" is just waving a white flag, conceding today's battle to COVID-19 so he can win the war with an effective vaccine tomorrow. Let's hope such a vaccine arrives sooner rather than later or today's inaction could result in a Pyrrhic victory with significantly more deaths than taking some additional action might have allowed.

**Sherman Schapiro** 

**Eureka** 

#### Retire the Redskins

The Washington Redskins National Football League franchise is a disgrace!

In the year 2020, Washington team owner Daniel Snyder cannot possibly continue to rationalize keeping his ridiculously racist team name in the face of widespread, righteous public condemnation of Snyder's racist recalcitrance. Our nation's capitol's team name "The

Redskins" will be retired before this football season begins, if Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) has anything to say about it: "The time [for the name] has ended. There is no way to justify it. You either step into this century or you don't. It's up to the owner of the team to do that."

In 1997, Washington, D.C.'s National Basketball Association franchise willingly changed its name from "The Bullets" to "The Wizards". So what's Daniel Snyder's problem (other than being a bigot)?

As silly as some of these monikers are below, any one of them would be preferable Washington, D.C.'s current NFL team name. Take your pick, Mr. Snyder.

Washington Redcoats

- Washington Rednecks
- Washington Redrums
- Washington Red Dawns Washington Red Foxes
- Washington Red Lines

cot)

- Washington Red Rovers
- Washington Red Tides
- Washington Red Riding Hoods
- Washington Red Sparrows

(Melania Trump can be the team mas-

Sincerely, **Jake Pickering** Arcata

# SCENE





A HALLMARK MOMENT After 78 years of North Coast life, Bob Hallmark, with his wife, Carol, bid farewell to Trinidad. Destination: Vancouver, Washington. The Hallmark Pier, central to the lives of Trinidad's fishing and recreational community for over six decades, under construction in 1945.

PHOTO AT RIGHT FROM THE BOB HALLMARK COLLECTION | TRINIDAD MUSEUM; SUBMITTED PHOTO ON LEFT

## The Hallmarks – at the heart of Trinidad life

mark are moving from their cozy home in the redwoods off Langford Road to Vancouver, Washington.

There should be a crowded and raucous Town Hall a Salmon is Always Guargala to celebrate the much anteed" that "The reason

beloved Trinidad couple. However, with COVID-19 restrictions gathering still in place, Bob and Carol are quietly moving to be closer to family.

They will miss saying goodbye to countless

friends but want the community to know they are leaving with the fondest memories of Trinidad life.

Patti Fleschner

Bob was a teenager when his parents, Earl and Neva Hallmark, purchased Hammond Lumber Company holdings, including the Trinidad Harbor area, in

It took only three months to acquire all of the permits to build a pier, including the lease from the State Land Commission for the bay wa-

Construction began and the pier opened in 1946. The Hallmark family owned the pier, launching ramp, the Seascape Restaurant and Bob's Boat Basin until 2000, when the Trinidad Rancheria purchased the property-oand began the process of replacing the old

Generations of Trinidad's youth were employed

\$420,000

ob and Carol Hall- piloting water taxis, help- kitchen will be open in Vaning with salmon and crab couver," where they will be harvests and working at the restaurant over the de-

Bob wrote in early days at "Bob's Boat Basin, Where

> we could guarantee a salmon with every skiff we rented was we charged \$4 a day and could buy a small silver salmon for \$2. We quit using this guarantee after the season was poor

in 1953. We asked the fishermen who didn't catch a salmon to hold out their hands so we could drop the fish in them. That way they weren't lying when they told their friends and buddies that they caught it!"

ager, Humboldt County to visit. Please be safe and Commissioner, Harbor co-founder of the "The Trinidad Improvement Association" in 1953, which evolved into the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce, philanthropist, craftsman and mentor of young people, Bob Hallmark and his family have been at the heart of the best of Trinidad

Carol, famous for her baking, was questioned by her husband while packing up their belongings, on whether or not she was including her cookie sheets and baking pans.

Carol replied, "yes, the

happy to see old friends.

#### **Rest in Peace Robert McCune**

Soldier, law enforcement officer, photographer, author, artisan, raconteur, and road trip adventurer with Maggie, his beloved wife of 36 years, Robert Mc-Cune died on June 28.

Reserved, modest and dignified, he wished for no accolades at his passing, but his circle of Trinidad friends and beneficiaries of his professionalism, quiet spirit of volunteerism, and meticulous work on historic structures, will always treasure the memory of this fine

#### Advice on courtesy & safety

A thoughtful friend offers some common sense advice on coronavirus precautions: "Welcome to one Fisherman, harbor man- of the world's best places respect our practices regarding litter, driving, and especially COVID-19:

**Driving** – Many of our local roads are single lane. Give way to oncoming motorists and bicyclists – eniov the view while you are waiting.

Many sections of our roads are gravel. Please slow down to avoid raising clouds of dust – especially when passing pedestrians, bicyclists and other vehicles.

Tourists and locals are all out and about – drive slowly, watch for children and seniors.

Visiting beaches, parks and viewpoints - Park off pavement - for

your own safety and fellow travelers. Remove valuables from your vehicles - "snatch and grab" breakins are an ongoing problem. Pack out your trash extra credit for removing litter that wasn't yours.

Practice social-distancing – especially on trails to/ from beaches and in parks.

Wear a face-mask whenever you are in within reasonable distance from other, non-family members. Wear a face mask as you approach others on trails.

In-Town - Wear a face mask in stores, markets, and other commercial and public buildings - bonus points for the most interesting mask patterns. Encourage others to wear masks - for your own safety. Practice social-distancing - especially inside builders.

#### Locals (including all of Humboldt County) - We know we can rely on

you to gently (but firmly) encourage any forgetful visitor to:

Practice social distanc-

- Wear a mask before entering business or public
- Drive and park safely and courteously
- · Remove trash and litter
- Act responsibly

Email Patti at baycity@ sonic.net.

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Friday, July 17 for a presentation by Humboldt State wildlife professor and FOAM Board member Rick Brown. His specialty is wildlife diseases — including those that are tick-borne (e.g., Lyme disease) – as well as parasites of local carnivores such as fishers and martens. His lecture will start with the "One-World-One-Health" Paradigm and end with descriptions of some dramatic effects of fun, local wildlife diseases like "newt-licking" garter snakes, flukes that cause extra limb formation in frogs. Join the Zoom Meeting at humboldtstate.zoom.us/j/97977673912. The meeting ID is 979 7767 3912. Find your local number at humboldtstate.zoom.us/u/adXwt6fXmF.

## Archiving our history

hen you start nosing around –like to find information for a column like this - you come across all kinds of groups doing interesting things in hidden corners of our community.

One example is the Humboldt Area Peoples Archive, a grassroots nonprofit operating on a shoestring budget and based in the Bayside area.

The archive's founders seek to gather, preserve, and re-present records of the actions, reactions and effects flowing from 1960s counterculture throughout the Humboldt Bay region.

They are collecting materials about initiatives, organizations, businesses and individuals who were active in advancing environmental protection and health, freedom, peace and equality, broadcast and publication media, and arts and education.

their start in these movements.

The '60s and '70s were an incredibly fruitful time for progressive, community-based, grassroots activism in Humboldt, and many of the influential and beloved local organizations we rely upon today had

Carolyn **Jones** 

Most operated outside of official corridors of power, and the history of their achievements, and lessons to be learned from their failures, would be lost without an effort of this sort. And a lot of the stuff is really neat and special in our world of all things digital.

You can learn more about the archive's collections, and the values and goals that inspire it, at haparchive.org. If you were active in 1960s Humboldt and have documents or stories to share, contact archivist Edie Butler at edith. butler@humboldt.edu.

Quarterly pancake breakfasts have long been a staple of community halls across our county, and many of us are missing those during the COVID shutdown.

Pancakes just don't work well for take-out, so the Bayside Community Hall is organizing a Brunch (To Go) in Bayside for Sunday, July 26. The cooked-from-scratch menu offers a main choice of vegetarian vegetable-cheese frittata or vegan sun-dried tomato tofu cups, which will be served with four sides (yes you get all four!): home-style potatoes, beans and greens, fresh fruit salad and freshbaked muffin (including a gluten free option).

Each meal will be (eco-friendly) packed for pickup in the Hall parking lot between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The cost is a bargain at \$10, and all proceeds support the Hall's participation in COVID-relief efforts.

This is a great chance to skip the cooking, pick-up a nice meal that should travel well to beach or park, and support the community. For details, or to buy your tickets, visit baysidecommunityhall.com.

Got some news from greater Bayside you'd like to share? Contact baysidecommunityhall@gmail.com or (707) 599-3192.

## New BBQ joint at park

ast week, I tried out the new Low and Slow BBQ at the park for the first time. My son, who is a super picky eater, had tried it the

week before hand spoken so highly of it, I had to check it out. This was truly a fun community experience all around. Bill is super conscientious about COVID-19 guidelines

and has the most amazing positive attitude. There is one thing to note about lunch and dinner with Low and Slow BBQ and that is, there is no rushing the goodness.

You can come and try out this incredible delight on Friday, Saturdays, and Sundays - but opening time varies due to smoking times and the weather. Best thing to do is stop on by when you start to see the signs and find out the menu and when things will be ready.



Speaking of new endeavors coming to Blue Lake, we welcome Powers Creek Produce to the Blue Lake Family. Every Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Powers Creek Produce will have a produce stand in the Mad River Grange parking lot. Come check it out for fresh produce to supplement your garden bounty!

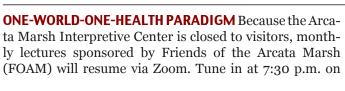
The Parks and Recreation Summer Camp has been a huge success with all the COVID-19 modifications. There is still room - pre-registration required (no drop ins). You can find out more information at the City of Blue Lake website at bluelake.ca.gov/parks-recreation/camps/ or call the Recreation Department at (707) 668-5932.

Speaking of the City of Blue Lake, it's that time again time to run for office! This year there are three open seats for the Blue Lake City Council. In order to become a candidate, you must be a registered voter who resides within the city limits of the City of Blue Lake and obtain 20 valid signatures from other registered Blue Lake voters.

The candidate nomination period is July 13 to Aug. 7, so contact City Hall today if you are interested in being a part of the governance of our great town!!

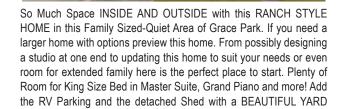
And if you happen to be a Blue Laker who also does social media, make sure you are connecting through the Blue Lake Community News and Crime Watch page for all the current goings on, including weekly dinners by Darcey, virtual Saddle Club activities, and most importantly our nightly howlers. Yes, this shout out is to the cute sisters who continue

to howl every night at 8 p.m.! You keep our spirits high! Have a great week Blue Lake. May the sun shine often for those grand outdoor distancing adventures.



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ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT R-1500581 **HUMBOLDT 2016** The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: HUMBOLDT PRODUCE 1894 PARK ST. **MANILA, CA 95521** COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

DEVIN G. HOLCOMB 1894 PARK ST. **MANILA, CA 95521** THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:

AN INDIVIDUAL S/DEVIN G. HOLCOMB NO TITLE

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 23 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS **SC** DEPUTY CLERK 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29

> **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT 20-00306

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NAIL'D IT! 1225 CENTRAL AVE. SUITE 5 MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT** RACHEL R. WALLACE 3498 ZELIA CT. ARCATA, CA 95521 DEBORAH M. BURR 1933 COTTONWOOD

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY a GENERAL PARTNERSHIP S/RACHEL R. WALLACE/ **DEBORAH BURR** CO OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 23 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS **SC** DEPUTY CLERK 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00327

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MING TREE REALTY OF MCKINLEYVILLE MING TREE REALTY 1629 CENTRAL AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT SYLVIA L. GARLICK 500 ORCHARD LANE MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 MICHAEL A. NOVAK

1210 SCHOOL ROAD MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a GENERAL PARTNERSHIP S/MICHAEL A. NOVAK **BROKER/OWNER/MANAGER** This statement was filed with

the Humboldt County Clerk on

JULY 2, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS **SC** DEPUTY CLERK 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29

> FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00285

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HUMBOLDT HEALS** 2100 RIVER ACCESS RD WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573 P.O. BOX 1174 BLUE LAKE, CA 95525 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT HEALS CA 3857119 1810 RIVER ACCESS ROAD WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:

S/TIM BUSMAN This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 16, 2020

A CORPORATION

KELLY E. SANDERS **SC DEPUTY CLERK** 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT 20-00284

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TODAY'S HUMBOLDT COUNTY 5065 BOYD RD. UNIT F ARCATA, CA 95521 P.O. BOX 1174 BLUE LAKE, CA 95525 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT TODAY'S HUMBOLDT COUN-

TY LLC CA 201606810523 15065 BOYD RD. UNIT F **ARCATA, CA 95521** THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:

A LIMITED LIABILITY COM-S/TIM BUSMAN

MANAGING MEMBER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 16, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS **SC DEPUTY CLERK** 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22

> FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00276

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LITTLE RIVER RANCH 970/994 CRANNELL ROAD TRINIDAD, CA 95570 P.O. BOX 4840 ARCATA, CA 95521 **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT** MATTHEW A. BABICH 944 H STREET ARCATA, CA 95521 THIS BUSINESS IS

CONDUCTED BY: **ATRUST** S/MATTHEW A. BABICH ca.gov/. SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE 1993 BABICH AGRICUL-TURAL TRUST

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 11, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS TN DEPUTY CLERK

> **ORDER TO SHOW** CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15

**LAURA COLEMAN** FOR CLAIRE LEWIS SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUM-**

**BOLDT** CASE NO. CV20000591 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: CLAIRE STARNES LEWIS

to Proposed name: CLAIRE STARNES COLEMAN;

2. THE COURT OR-DERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: JULY 31, 2020 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt. courts.ca.gov/.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: JUNE 11, 2020 KELLY L. NEEL

Judge of the Superior Court

6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15

**NOTICE OF PETITION** TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

FRANCES M. YOCOM CASE NO.: PR2000134 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

FRANCES M. YOCOM, FRANCIS MARIE YO-COM. FRANCES M. PRESCOTT AND FRAN-CES MARIE PRESCOTT. FRAN PRESCOTT

Petition for Probate has been filed by: LINDA PRESCOTT in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: LINDA PRESCOTT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils. if anv. be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an obiection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the

authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: JULY 16, 2020 Time: 2:00 PM

Dept.: 6 Address of court: Superior Court of California. County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https:// www.humboldt.courts.

CONTACT COURT FOR POSSIBLE ZOOM AP-PEARANCE REQUIRE-

MENT. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objec-

tions or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your

an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the petitioner:

rights as a creditor. You

may want to consult with

TIMOTHY J. WYKLE MATHEWS, WALSH, WYKLE & LATT, 100 M STREET EUREKA, CA 95501

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7/1, 7/8, 7/15

**CITY OF ARCATA NOTICE TO SUPPLI-**

ERS **REQUEST FOR PRO-**POSALS (RFP) **BAFFLE WALL MA-TERIALS FOR OXIDA-TION POND 2** 

The City of Arcata is re-

questing proposals from

suppliers for materials and recommendations for installing approximately 1,100 linear feet of PVC interlocking sheet piling for use as a baffle wall to control flow in the existing Oxidation Pond Two located at the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facility, 600 South G Street, in Arcata, California. Sealed proposals will be received at the City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, until 4:30 .m. on Friday, July 24, 2020. Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by a City of Arcata Selection Committee. The award for this contract is anticipated to be made at the Arcata City Council's special meeting on August 12, 2020. The Request for Proposals Package for this work can be obtained on the City's website, www.

cityofarcata.org under "Bids." Direct Inquiries to: Danielle Allred, Con-

tracts and Special Projects Manager 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521

dallred@cityofarcata. 707-825-2101

Posting Date: July 8, Publication Date: July 8, 2020 and July 15,

2020

7/8, 7/15

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR **COWLITZ COUNTY** JUVENILE DIVISION In Re the Interest of: CANTRELL. DEVLYN LEE

DOB: 03/30/2004 Minor Child.

Case No.: 20-7-00207-

NOTICE AND SUM-MONS BY PUBLICA-TION

(Termination) TO BRENDANICOLE

BASHAM, Mother A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights was filed on June 25,2020; A Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on August 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Cowlitz County Youth Services Center, 1725 First Ave, Longview, WA 98632. YOU SHOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS

THE HEARING WILL DETERMINE IF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD ARE

HEARING.

TERMINATED. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING THE COURT MAY ENTER AN ORDER IN YOUR ABSENCE TERMINAT-ING YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.

To request a copy of the Notice. Summons. and Termination Petition, call DSHS at 360/501-2600. To view information about your rights in this proceeding, go to www. atg.wa.gov/TRM DATED this 29th day of

June, 2020. STACI L. MYKLEBUST Cowlitz County Clerk 7/8, 7/15/7/22, 7/29

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE** FOR CHANGE OF NAME KIMBERLY SPENCER **REJMAN** SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUM-**

BOLDT CASE NO. CV2000627 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner has filed a

petition with this court for

a decree changing names as follows: Present name: KIMBER-

LY NICOLE SPENCER REJMAN to Proposed name:

SONG KIMBERLY NI-COLE SPENCER RE-JMAN 2. THE COURT ORDERS

that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court located at 825 5th Street. Eureka. California at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person obiecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the

tion without a hearing. Date: AUG. 7, 2020 Time: 1:45 p.m.

court may grant the peti-

Dept.: 4 For information on how to appear remotely for vour hearing, please vishttps://www.humboldt. courts.ca.gov/.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: JUNE 24, 2020 KELLY L. NEEL Judge of the Superior Court

7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29

ORDER TO SHOW **CAUSE** FOR CHANGE OF NAME **BEHA-GWENAH** SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUM-BOLDT

CASE NO. CV2000592 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names

as follows: Present name: HA-GWENAH

to Proposed name: **ALAN JAMES REDNER:** 2 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka. California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: JULY 31, 2020 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt. courts.ca.gov/.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: JUNE 16, 2020 KELLY L. NEEL Judge of the Superior Court

7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF ROBERTA J. FINSTER aka BOBBIE J. FIN-STER, aka BOBBIE JEAN FINSTER

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ROBERTA J. FINSTER,

CASE NO.: PR2000139

aka BOBBIE J. FIN-STER, aka BOBBIE **JEAN FINSTER** Petition for Probate has been filed by: ROBERT H.

FINSTER in the Superior

Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: ROBERT H. FINSTER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of

The petition requests

the decedent.

authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the au-

thority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: AUG. 6, 2020 Time: 2:00 PM

Dept.: 6 Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please vishttps://www.humboldt.

courts.ca.gov/. CONTACT COURT FOR POSSIBLE ZOOM AP-PEARANCE REQUIRE-

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attor-

California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the petitioner: ARTHUR NIELSEN GALE & NIELSEN

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ney knowledgeable in

A Non-industrial Timber Management Plan substantial deviation and major amendment is being prepared within the Arcata city limits approximately 1/4 mile east of Granite Ave. (0.55) air miles east of Highway 101 and adjacent to Humboldt State University in Humboldt County. The proposed NTMP expansion/amendment will add 20 acres of timberland that is located bond. on the Arcata South 7.5" Quadrangle, SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 28, T6N, R1E, HB&M. Watercourses that receive drainage from the plan area include Jolly Giant

Creek and unnamed

tributaries to Jolly Giant

Creek east of Granite

Ave. If you are aware of any domestic water supplies that come directly from the described watercourses within 1.000 feet of the plan area, please contact Mark Andre, RPF #2391 within 10 days the publication of this notice at:

City of Arcata **Environmental Services** Department 736 F Street Arcata, CA 95521 707 822-8184

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**CITY OF ARCATA ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT** 736 F STREET ARCATA, CA (707) 825-2128

**ANNUAL SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS** PROJECT 2020 Engineer's Estimate

NOTICE TO

**CONTRACTORS** 

**FOR** 

\$215,000.00 The City of Arcata is soliciting bids for the SIDEWALK ANNUAL

IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 2020. The WORK consists of furnishing all labor, materials. equipment. incidentals and implementation of all work required to perform the improvements. The project includes, but is not limited to: installing park features at Shay Park, a skating ledge at the Arcata Skate Park, removal and replacement of concrete sidewalk, curb, gutters, and ramps, installing truncated domes, and AC paving.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at Arcata City Hall in the City Council Chamber, located at 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521. Attendees must wear face coverings over their noses and mouths and practice social distancing while inside City Hall.

Sealed bids will be received by the City Manager's Office, 736 F Street. Arcata. CA 95521, until the hour of 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at which time they will be transferred to the Arcata City Council Chambers where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Engineer or his designated representative. Said bids will be referred to for consideration at their next meeting on or after

August 10, 2020... Bids received after the specified opening time will not be considered. The bidder is solely responsible for the timely

delivery of the bid. CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class "A" license at the time this contract is bid or a combination of classes reguired by the categories and type of work includ-

ed in this contract. This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

SPECIFICA-PLANS, TIONS, AND PROPOS-AL forms for bidding this PROJECT will be available on July 15, 2020;

 For download from City Website www.cityofarcata.org under "Bids". For purchase at City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521. A printing charge of \$55.00 shall not be refundable, plus a shipping and handling fee of \$35.00 for mailing of PLANS and SPECIFI-CATIONS. Checks payable to the City of Arcata and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Contracts and Spe-

cial Projects Manager. For viewing at City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521 and at the Humboldt Builder's Exchange, 1213 5th Street,

Eureka, CA 95501. The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond and performance

The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement. disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. The above PROJECT

is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Each contractor or subcontractor listed on the bid proposal must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1

Pursuant to Section

(a)].

1733 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281 for Prevailing General Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft of classification most closely related to it as shown in the general

determinations. All bidders shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

The City of Arcata reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Danielle Allred. Contracts and Special Proiects Manager (707) 825-2101

dallred@cityofarcata. July 15, 2020 7/15, 7/22

**CITY OF ARCATA NOTICE OF REQUEST** FOR QUALIFICATIONS

(RFQ) PHASE 1 - PLUNKETT **ROAD WATERLINE RETROFIT PROJECT: ENGINEERING CON-**

**SULTING SERVICES** The City of Arcata Engineering Department is seeking a qualified consulting firm to provide engineering services for Phase One of the Plunkett Road Waterline Retrofit Project. The City has been awarded a \$393,400 grant from the California Office of Emergency Services for completing Phase One of the Plunkett Road Waterline Retrofit Project. Phase One of the Project will involve preliminary engineering design plans (to the 30% level), preliminary work associated with land, right-of-way, and access easement identification/acquisition, preliminary topographic surveys, geotechnical investigations, and special studies sufficient for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to complete the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process. Sealed proposals for

this work will be received at the City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2020. The proposals submitted in response to this RFQ will be evaluated and used as a basis for selecting the consultant for this project. The Request for Qualifications Package for this work can be obtained on the City's website, www. cityofarcata.org under "Bids," on or after July 15th, 2020.

Direct Inquiries to: Danielle Allred, Contracts & Special Projects Manager 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521

707-825-2101 7/15, 7/22 **NOTICE OF INTENT** 

TO FILE APPLICATION

The City of Trinidad

dallred@cityofarcata.

intends to file applications for federal financial assistance with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service. The project includes water main predevelopment and construction. Any comments regarding these applications should be submitted to the City of Trinidad at PO Box 390, Trinidad, CA 95570 or cityclerk@trinidad. ca.gov. 7/15

**NOTICE OF ELECTION & Notice** of Date Fixed For **Submission OF Arguments FOR MEASURE E - City** of Trinidad **Transaction and Use Tax EXTENSION** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the City of Trinidad that an election shall be held on the 3rd of November. 2020 for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City the following measure:

Shall a 3/4 cent transaction and use tax be continued in the City of Trinidad for four years, starting April on 1.2021.

Yes No

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that written arguments shall be submitted to the Elections Officer, the Trinidad City Clerk, no later than 2:00pm, Wednesday, August 12, 2020, until which time arguments may be changed or withdrawn by the proponents until and including the date fixed for filing arguments. Trinidad City Hall is located at 409 Trinity Street, P.O. Box 390, Trinidad, CA 95570. The phone number is

707-677-0223. The City Council or any member or members of the City Council authorized by the Council or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure or bona fide association of citizens or any combination of such voters and associations may file written argument(s) for or against the measure.

No arguments submitted will be accepted unless accompanied by the name(s) or the person(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the name of at least one of its principal officers.

No arguments shall exceed 300 words in length.

Arguments submitted shall be entitled either "Argument in Favor of Measure E" or "Argument Against Measure

If more than one argument for the measure or more than one argument against the measure is submitted to the Elections Officer within the time prescribed, the City Clerk, as the Election Officer, shall select one argument in favor of the measure and one argument against the measure for printing and distribution to the voters of the City of Trinidad.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on the 3rd of November, 2020, the polls shall open at 7:00 AM and shall close at 8:00 PM.

Dated: July 13, 2020 Gabriel Adams Trinidad City Clerk Elections Officer 2020 Gabriel Adams Trinidad City Clerk **Elections Officer** 





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## Humboldt libraries offer lots to do for all ages

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#### **Storytimes**

Preschool Storytime meets Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. Hosted by the Arcata Branch Library via Zoom.

School-age Storytime



**NOTICE AND CALL FOR THE 2020 CITY** 

## **ELECTION**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

LENGTH OF TERM:

**ELECTION DATE:** 

FILING DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the California State Elections Code, that the

Trinidad City Clerk 707.677.0223 www.trinidad.ca.gov

#### CITY COUNCILMEMBERS (3)

NOV. 2020 - NOV. 2024 (4-Years) NOV. 2020 – NOV. 2024 (4-Years) NOV. 2020 – NOV. 2022 (**2-Years**)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2020

City of Trinidad will hold an election on Tuesday, November 03, 2020 and invites you to serve one of (3) vacant seats available aboard the Trinidad City Council.

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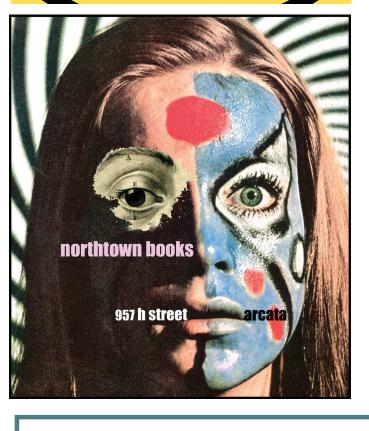
## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21

Distance Learning available, Spanish Immersion and STEAM-focus available, In Person Learning being planned with guidance from county and state officials

**REGISTRATION PACKETS AVAILABLE:**  FOR DOWNLOAD FROM OUR WEBSITE CALL TO REQUEST BY MAIL

OR AT OUR DISTRICT OFFICE (SUMMER, M-TH, 9-3 PM)

Dow's Website: https://www.mckusd.org/dows/ **District Office:** 707.839.1549 2275 Central Avenue



meets Fridays, 11 a.m. Hosted by the Arcata Branch Library via Zoom.

Tuesday Storvtime with Ms. Tamara, posted every Tuesday on Arcata Library's Facebook page: facebook.com/HumCoLibraryArcata.

Recorded readings of titles such as Utterly, Otterly Day hosted by the Fortuna Branch Library on their Facebook page: facebook.com/HumCoLibraryFortuna.

#### **Book groups**

Junior Book Group for children entering Grades 3 to 5 meets Wednesday, July 22 (This Was Our Pact, by Ryan Andrews) and Aug. 5 (New Kid, by Jerry Craft), at 1 p.m.. Hosted by the Arcata Branch Library via Zoom.

Young Adult Book Group for 12- to 19-yearolds meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. July's title is Feed by M.T. Anderson. Hosted by the Arcata Branch Library via Zoom.

A Novel Idea Book Group for adults meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. July's title is A Rain of Night Birds by Deena Metzger. Hosted by the Arcata Branch Library via Zoom.

"Reading in Place" – a free, short-story discussion group that meets every Saturday at 1 p.m. Hosted by the Eureka Main Library via Zoom. To access the free stories and to receive your Zoom invitation go to *humboldtgov*. org/library.

Friday Afternoon Book Club. This group meets the second Friday of every month at 2:30 p.m., hosted by the Eureka Main Li- ery hours.

brary via Zoom. Aug. 14's title is Kindred by Octavia Butler. Sign up here at humboldtgov.org/library.

#### **Arcata StoryWalk**

An entertaining, free outdoor "StoryWalk" awaits you outside the Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St., Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Aug. 1. Walk and read Lois Ehlert's bilingual "Cuckoo/Cucu," story, posted at 18 reading stations. Special thanks to Alan Michaels for making the stakes and City of Arcata Construction Specialist Javier Nogueira who secured them. Sponsored by Friends of Arcata Library and First 5 Humboldt.

To sign up for Zoom story times and book groups hosted by the Arcata Branch Library, please email sparsons@ co.humboldt.ca.us call the Arcata Library at (707) 822-5954, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and provide your email address. You will then be emailed a Zoom invitation in order to join the video-conference program. If no one answers when you call, please leave your name, telephone, and email address as a message so that library staff can be sure to reach you.

To borrow a copy of the book for any group hosted by the Arcata Branch Library, either place a hold online or call (707) 822-5954. A paper copy provided by Friends of Arcata Library is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Library staff will notify you when your hold is ready and you can pick it up during curbside deliv-

## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **CITY OF ARCATA PLANNING** COMMISSION

July 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. teleconference by

Zoom Video Communications. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Arcata will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 from the Executive Department of the State of California and the Humboldt County Public Health Officer's March 19, 2020, Shelter-in-Place Order, the Planning Commission's meeting location will not be physically open to the public and Planning Commissioners will be teleconferencing into the meeting via Zoom Video Communications.

How to Observe the Meeting: To maximize public safety while still maintaining transparency and public access, members of the public can observe the meeting on television on Access Humboldt Channel 10, by visiting www.cityofarcata.org and clicking on the See Live Meetings, Agendas, and Archives button on the home page, or on the City's You-Tube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJYGp9zDPdWMGtA0BtfFX A

#### **Project Description:**

Design Review Permit for a remodel addition on a potential historic resource known as Emily's House. The project is located in the Bayview Neighborhood Conservation Area. Project Location: 100 E 7th Street,

Assessor's Parcel Number: 503-151-024

Application Type: Design Review Property Owner/Applicant: Janeth and Howard Hunt

Agent: Julian Berg Date of application: September 19,

File Number: 190-010-DR Zoning/ General Plan: Residential

Coastal Zone: Not located in the Coastal Zone.

Environmental: Proposed California **Environmental Quality Act Exemption** Historical Resources, Class 31, Section 15331

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the information regarding the proposed project and environmental determination may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St, Arcata on Monday - Thursday between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission will consider public comment, and the entire public record on the project, prior to making any decision. All interested persons are encouraged to participate in the teleconference hearing, which will include a time for public comment. Comment may also be made in advance in writing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER that this action is appealable to the City Council. In compliance with §9.76.030 of the City's Land Use Code, any aggrieved person who, in person, in writing, or by representative, informed the City of their concerns at or before the hearing or decision may appeal a final action by the review authority. Appeals must be filed within 10 business days following the date of the action by filing an appeal, along with the applicable fee.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to §1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, "If you challenge City action on a proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the hearing body at, or prior to, the public hearing(s)."

If you have any comments or questions regarding this notice please contact the City of Arcata Community Development Department - Joe Mateer, Senior Planner 707-825-2139, jmateer@cityofarcata.org with cc to kroberts@cityofarcata.org

Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Request for accommodation should be made in advance by contacting the City Clerk at 707-822-5953.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

First 5 Humboldt, a local government agency, seeks proposals for Brand Strategy & Messaging Consultation. See www.first5humboldt.org for details. Due 7/24/20

